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OF THE

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Montgomery Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

PRATTVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, ALA.,

SEPT. 25-26-27, 1900.

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Woman's Work—A. J. Brooks, Chairman; E. W. Robinson, C. A. Gunn.
Baptist Young People's Union—Paul F. Dix, Chairman; Dr. H. D. Boyd, W. J. Burch.
Indigent Ministers—J. G. Harris, Chairman; C. W. Powell, H. C. Burdeshaw.

The next session will be held with Fort Deposit Church, Ala., August 28-29-30, 1901,

Also Minutes of Woman's Missionary Union, held at Prattville Baptist Church, Sept. 26, 1900.

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS.

C. A. Stakely	Montgomery,	Ala.
W. D. Gay	"	"
W. J. Elliott	"	"
H. W Provence	"	"
J. F. Gable	"	"
G. W. Townsend	"	"
C. Johnson	"	"
E. F Baber	"	"
W. N. Gunter	"	"
A F. Dix	"	"
B. A. Jackson	Ramer,	"
J. R. Caldwell	Deatsville.	"
W. G. Sullivant	Raif Branch,	"
A. J. Preston	Prattville,	"

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Association called to order by Moderator.
2. Appoint Committee on Credentials.
3. Fix time of meeting and adjourning.
4. Introductory sermon.
5. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
6. Receive correspondents and visitors.
7. Receive petitions from Churches desiring membership.
8. Appoint committees to report during session—
   - On Religious Exercises
   - On Finance and Auditing.
   - On Nominations.
   - On Apportionment.
9. Read rules of order.
10. Hear reports from Committees and Treasurer.
11. Return correspondence.
12. Appoint committees to report at next session—
    - On Home Missions.
    - On Foreign Missions.
    - On Sunday Schools.
    - On Temperance.
    - On Institute Board.
    - On Denominational Education.
    - On State Board of Missions.
    - On Ministerial Education.
    - On Indigent Ministers.
    - On Woman's Work
    - On Orphans' Home.
    - On Baptist Young People's Union.
    - On New and Weak Churches.
13. Hear miscellaneous business
14. Call roll and erase absentees.
15. Arrange for printing minutes.
16. Correct minutes and adjourn.

MINUTES.

PRATTVILLE, SEPTEMBER 25, 1900.

The Montgomery Baptist Association convened in its Nineteenth Annual Session this day with the Prattville Baptist church, and at 10 o'clock a. m. was called to order by G. G. Miles, the moderator of the previous session.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. G. Moseley, of Louisiana, which consisted in reading the 90th Psalm.

On motion the program, as prepared by the executive committee, was adopted.

On motion, a committee of three, A. F. Dix, J. B. Shelton and H.W. Provence, was appointed to examine the articles of faith of the Brewer Memorial church, which sought admittance to the association.

On motion, the messenger of that church was received and, in behalf of the association, the moderator extended the hand of fellowship.

On motion, G. G. Miles former moderator, was re-elected.

On motion, C. Johnson was elected clerk pro. tem.

The introductory sermon was preached by T. J. Porter, of Fort Deposit; text, John, 12:26. Prayer by W. D. Gay.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 2:30 o'clock.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. F. Gable, of Montgomery. Prayer by G. W. Ward and J. A. Howard.

Committee on Credentials made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Adams Street—W. D. Gay, T. J. Scott, Mrs. J. W. Powell, Miss Lizzie Powell, Mrs. Ida Russell.

Bethel—T. J. Porter, Mrs. T. J. Porter, Miss Lena Goldsmith, Miss Georgia Scroggins.

Bethesda—Letter; no messenger.

Clayton Street—H. W. Provence, G. W. Ellis, R. L. Dillard, Mrs. H. W. Provence, A. J. Preston, Mrs. A. J. Preston.

Coosada—Letter; no messengers.

Deatsville—M. A. Pyron, Mrs. E. E. Pyron, Mrs. A. C. Donovan, Mack D. Morgan.

First Church, Montgomery—A. F. Dix, W. J. Elliott, J. B. Shelton, J. G. Harris, G. G. Miles, Paul F. Dix, Mrs. A. F. Dix, Mrs. J. B. Shelton.

Hayneville—H. C. Burdeshaw.

Letohatchie—Letter; no messengers.

Lowndesboro—J. W. Rast.

Mt. Hebron—W. H. Kendrick.

Mt. Lebanon—Letter; no messengers.

Mt. Zion—J. G. Mills, G. L. Mills.

Prattville—J. R. Caldwell, E. E. Gresham, G. W. Ward, W. M. Robertson, F. F. Anderson.

Ramer—B. A. Jackson.

South Montgomery—J. F. Gable, J. P. Martin, Mrs. J. P. Martin, C. Johnson, Miss Aeolian Spear, Mrs. S. Burch.
West End—C. R. Booth.
Wetumpka—Letter; no messengers.
Brewer Memorial—A. J. Brooks, Mrs. A. J. Brooks.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. W. Ellis.
W. J. Elliott,
J. G. Harris.

On motion, A. J. Preston was appointed to write a report on weak and new churches.

A cash collection of $10.25 was taken for Brewer Memorial church,

To visiting brethren a cordial invitation was extended to seats in the body.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Credentials—Geo. W. Ellis, J. G. Harris, W. J. Elliott.
On Religious Exercises—Rev. A. J. Preston, Geo. Ward, E. E. Gresham.
On Finance and Auditing—A. J. Brooks, chairman, A. C. Burdeshaw, J. W. Rast.
On Nominations—W. J. Elliott, E. E. Gresham, M. A. Pyron.
On Apportionment—T. J. Porter, R. M. Anderson, J. G. Mills.

On motion, J. C. Pope was authorized to file his report with the clerk *pro tem.*, to appear in the minutes for the year 1900.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

Benediction by Rev. Rush.

NIGHT SESSION.

Preaching by A. G. Moseley; text, Acts 11:24.

After preaching a collection of $120.00 in pledges and $2.81 in cash was taken for A. G. Moseley's work in New Orleans, La.

Report on Sunday Schools read by A. J. Preston. Spoken to by A. J. Preston, W D. Gay, A. J. Brooks, T J. Porter, G. G Mills, J. A. Howard, A. G. Moseley, J. F. Gable.

The report was then adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are pleased to note that 17 of the 18 churches represented at the last session of our body reported Sunday Schools. We also rejoice to know that the attendance in our Sunday Schools is far above the average in our State, there being about two-thirds as many Sunday School pupils as there are church members in our association; while the entire number in attendance in the Sunday Schools throughout the State is less than one-third the membership of the churches. We are sorry that we have not the reports from the churches for this year, so we could make a correct report of our work up to date We will not attempt to write an essay on Sunday Schools, but would recommend that the clerk of our association have printed in the minutes such parts of the report adopted by our State convention as he in his judgment may deem appropriate.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. Preston, Chairman.

WEDNESDAY—Morning Session.

Devotional services conducted by B. A. Jackson. Prayer by B. A. Jackson, J. A. Howard, A. F. Dix.

Report on State Missions was read by T. J. Porter. Report on Home Missions was read by J. W. B. Crumpton. Report on Foreign Missions was read by W. D. Gay.

State and Home Missions were discussed by W. B. Crumpton. A. F. Dix, A. J. Preston, J, G. Harris, J. R. Caldwell.

The following correspondents were received: Alabama Baptist—J. G. Harris, J. A. Howard; Institute Board—G. S. Anderson.

Report on Indigent Ministers read by G. W. Ellis. Spoken to by G. W. Ellis, G. S. Anderson, J. G. Harris, A. F. Dix, A. J. Preston, J. A. Howard, G. G. Miles. Report adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON INDIGENT MINISTERS.

As to the duty of Baptists to provide and care for their aged, infirm and indigent ministers in the State, there is no question. We cannot shift the responsibility resting upon us to take care of those who have given their life to the work of the Master, and in declining years are dependent upon relatives and friends who are poorly prepared to support them. Ministers are the gift of Christ to the churches for a specified work, and, if they do their duty to such work, are compelled to forego secular employment and to give their whole time to the Master. Having no other visible means of support, and as a class they are not paid salaries commensurate with the labor performed, hardly a sufficiency to subsist on, when old age and infirmity come upon them they have to be cared for by some one. Governments care for their faithful soldiers; shall we, as a denomination, be less faithful to our soldiers of the Cross, who have carried the banner of Christ through many years of deprivation, and refuse to provide for their needs in old age?

The Board of State Missions is receiving comparatively nothing for this worthy cause, hardly ever amounting to over $260 00 in any year. They ask for $1,000.00 in the State, and the obligation is upon us to do our part towards raising it.

Respectfully submitted, Geo. W. Ellis, Chairman.

Report on Institute Board read by W. J. Elliott. Spoken to by G. S. Anderson, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON INSTITUTE BOARD.

The Institute Board of the Alabama State Convention, located at Opelika, Ala., has during the past three years assisted many preachers who are today doing good service for the Master.

The Board has three methods of work. The most important method is the holding of Institutes on the field. Ten of these Institutes were held last year, attended by 132 preachers.

The Board also seeks to aid the unhelped ministry by the correspondence course and the Sermonizer.

All these methods are used in trying to enlist the efforts of Baptists of the State.

Contributions for the Institute Board should be sent to Rev. G. S. Anderson, Superintendent, Auburn, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Elliott, Chairman.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Be it Resolved, That this object be made a part of the work of this association, and that the committee be authorized to apportion $100.00 among the churches, and that the pastors be requested to take collections, in their respective churches for this work between this time and that of the meeting of the next State convention.

STATE MISSIONS.

The work of State Missions demands and should receive, for its own sake, the support of every lover of his State and his Lord.

Your committee rejoice in the continued and increasing prosperity of our State Board of Missions. While we rejoice in the progress made during the past year, yet we feel that there is great need of improvement along the line of giving to State Missions. Our State reports 129.545 Baptists, and we gave last year to State Missions about $8,824 only, when our missionary catechism says we ought to give to missions alone not less than $40.000, and that would not be more than the price of a common hen apiece. Ou plan is right. What we need is more funds to send forth more laborers. Freely ye have received freely, give. T. J. PORTER, Chairman.

On motion, an amendment as appended to the report was offered by J. F. Gable, and adopted by the association.

AMENDMENT (offered by Rev. J. F. Gable.)

Whereas, it appears from reports submitted to the association at various times, and by persons who are in a situation to know whereof they speak, that there are several large districts within the bounds of Montgomery Association unoccupied by the Baptists which are in need of evangelization, and which can be reached and cultivated with profit to the cause of Christ by missionary effort under the auspices of this association; be it

Resolved, That the executive committee of Montgomery association be and is hereby instructed to devise and set on foot plans for the local evangelization of this association, according to their best judgment as to its needs.

Resolved, further, That it is the sense of this association that fifth Sunday meetings in various parts of the association could be profitably employed for the dissemination of missionary information and arousing interest in local evangelization. All expenditures for associational missions being understood in no wise to diminish the contributions for the general state and foreign work, in which the closest co-operation is to be maintained and fostered.

On motion, preaching of the missionary sermon was deferred until night session.

On motion, report ou foreign missions was referred to a committee of three, H. W. Provence, A. F. Dix, T. J. Porter, who were instructed to revise the report.

Report on missions adopted as follows: State, Home and Foreign.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions respectfully submit the following report:

The value and importance of the work done by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention can hardly be over estimated. Espe-

cially is this true when we consider the extent of the field, embracing as it does fifteen states, two territories, the District of Columbia, and the island of Cuba.

A brief summary of the operations of the board taken from the fifty-fifth annual report of the Southern Baptist Convention shows that the sum of $276,295.88 has been disbursed during the fiscal year ending May 1st, 1900.

671 missionaries have been supported in this territory by the joint action of the Home Board and the State Board, and 32 others have been supported entirely by the Home Board. 639 Sunday schools have been organized, 71 houses of worship erected, 63 houses of worship improved, 195 churches constituted, 11,950 accessions to the churches Of these 5,596 were by baptism.

These statistics speak more eloquently than words of the great good wrought in this field of Christian work. But it must be admitted that the money expended and the results achieved are grossly inadequate to the pressing needs which meet us on every hand

The problems which Southern Baptists, in large degree, must solve are weighty and momentous, and call for prompt and wide action. Three may be mentioned:

1st. The destitute whites in our mountain districts.

2d. The foreign element in our rapidly growing cities

3d. The ten millions of negroes in our midst.

All these issues must be met and solved by us or by our children.

In view of the commanding importance of the Home field, at the present moment, your committee endorses the appeal of the Home board, and would lay a stronger emphasis on Home mission work, and recommends that this association urge upon the churches more liberal contributions in this direction for the coming year.

Cabot Lull, Committee.

Report on Foreign Missions

The population of earth is inconceivable as to numbers. Perhaps out of the 30,000,000 communicants in Protestant churches, one-half, or fifteen million are converted. It is an awful fact that after nineteen hundred long years ninety-nine of the world's population (which is estimated at 1,500,000,000) out of every one hundred are without Christ and lost. This has been going on for about nineteen centuries, so at least about 30,000,000,000 are waiting at the bar of God to charge the church with the blood of their neglected souls.

A sadder fact than this confronts us, that 1,000,000,000 of the world's inhabitants have never heard of the Lord Jesus Christ to accept Him or to reject Him. We have built our schools at home, lived in luxury when we could, bedecked ourselves with jewelry and reclined in ease, spent prodigious sums on pastors, choirs, evangelists, and church houses when we have not carried out the command, "Go ye." Can we realize at all what a calamity is befalling the earth, can we conceive of the loss of souls in a single day? Suppose we heard that a city the size of Atlanta, Ga., was engulfed in a day—it would fill all the papers of the civilized world with the story of horror, and yet more than 100,000 souls are passing every day into an eternal grave.

Adjourned with benediction by B. A. Jackson.

EVENING SESSION.

Association re-assembled at 2:30 p. m. with prayer by Bro. Stewart, Evergreen.

The report on denominational education was read by J. G. Harris. Spoken to by J. G. Harris, W. D. Gay, J. B. Shelton, W. B. Crumpton, and adopted as follows:

Denominational Education.

All civilization and good government of the highest and most perfect type is founded on the laws and doctrines of the Bible. While a few wise men in pagan nations have formulated and systematized and promulgated some wholesome jurisprudence and maxims, yet there does not exist in them the spirit that is a sure guide, and hence they fall far short of completeness and perfection. While it may be true, that christian nations are yet far below their possibilities and the standard set up by inspired thought, yet, they lead in approximating perfection in just and humane laws and the elevation of the race.

If we are correct in this proposition, let us ask the pertinent question, what brought about such results? What influence and principles guided our forefathers into these channels? Can there be but one answer? The Christian religion as taught in the Word of God. If this be true, then it follows that to lift our race to a higher and still higher plane in growth in justice and in truth, we must continue to press forward in christian education. To do this, each denomination recognizing the Word of God as our rule in faith and practice, not only in the home, in the church, but in state craft, must ground their convictions and actions upon that Word and teach the same to the coming generations. Hence, to be fully and properly taught, the youth must be placed under the tutilage of teachers who are in harmony and sympathy with this idea, and who know and recognize the force and power of the same.

In order, therefore, to reach the highest standard of right, denominational schools must be maintained. As Baptists, planting our all on the Word of God as found in the Scriptures, and construed by us, we do not, cannot ask aid from the State or Federal Government. Government in order to be perpetual must not be sectarian in its bequests, nor select any denomination as its beneficiary. Hence, no religious creed is taught in state schools. Where, then, must it be taught? In denominational schools.

If we are right in these views, then we urge upon our brethren to maintain, sustain and patronize our denominational schools. As a christian people, defining and construing the Scriptures to teach certain truths and doctrines, we must, if we are honest and true, indoctrinate our children with the views we entertain; otherwise we would be false to our convictions.

We are not pressing forward in our denominational work in any spirit of unfriendly rivalry, jealousy or envy; but simply striking for what we regard as the teachings of God's Word. Let us be true and faithful, rendering unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's.

During the century that is now closing we have moved forward with a degree of progress that foretells of greater things during the next century. In the United States we have seven Baptist Theological Seminaries, with over 1,000 students and with a property valued at over two and one-half million dollars. The Southern Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., has in money and assets $808,800 00. We have also 94 Universities and Colleges with 23,000 students and with assets of over $20,000,000.00. Besides

these there are 77 academies with 11,000 students and $4,000,000.00 worth of property. From these statistics it will be seen that the close of the century finds us on a firm basis, with a power and leverage by which to gain still larger progress in the next hundred years.

In our own state we have two schools under the guardianship of the Baptist State Convention—The Howard and the Judson. These institutions now freed from debt, are on a forward movement, and if our people will rally to their support, they will, in a few years, show what great possibilities they possess, and what incalculable good they can effect. Then we appeal to Baptists to stand by them and place your girls and boys where they will get what should be taught—a Christian Education.

By the Committee.

Report on Ministerial Education was read by B. A. Jackson. Discussed by J. F. Gable, W. D. Gay, A. G. Moseley, A. F. Dix, and adopted as follows:

Report on Ministerial Education.

The committee to whom was referred the report on Ministerial Education beg leave to submit the following:

We regard ministerial education as a work of paramount importance. The vastness of the gospel, which God has called ministers to proclaim, demands thorough preparation. They are to deal in "the deep things of God." A work whose bounds cannot easily be reached, and whose depths cannot be fathomed. The word of inspiration has recorded, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out?" The excellency of the work demands preparation, as well as the vastness; its value as well as its immensity deserves study. A minister cannot afford to trifle here. He is preaching "the gospel of our salvation." "the glorious gospel of the blessed God." Success in any enterprise requires suitable preparation. A workman can accomplish but little without a good set of tools and skill to use them. It seems to be indispensably necessary to be thus equipped in the ordinary pursuits of life. If we concede this fact, and it appears unreasonable to do otherwise, surely then if success depends on preparation in the ordinary occupations, then what about the extraordinary callings? We are not afraid of spending too much money, or consuming too much time, training ministers, called of God to preach the gospel. They cannot impart to others what they do not know, and they should not preach what they have not studied." "Study to show thyself approved, unto God" a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We are in sympathy with ministerial education, we urge upon young ministers to take, if possible, a regular course in the Howard and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. We urge upon ministers who cannot go to these schools to attend as many of the institutes conducted by Bro. G. S. Anderson as possible. The work he is doing is by no means superficial, but fundamental, commendable and praiseworthy.

Respectfully submitted,

B. A. Jackson Chairman.

Report on Woman's Work read by A. F. Dix. Spoken to by A. F. Dix, W. B. Crumpton, G. G. Miles, and adopted as follows:

Report on Woman's Work.

In making a report on woman's work in general, our committee encounters, at the outset, a twofold difficulty, first in determining where to begin:

and secondly, in finding an ending for a report on work that itself has no end.

She has been man's constant help-meet, in all departments of his life-work, since the Divine Hand rested from its final effort; and not less in grace than in nature has she fulfilled her office. As Milton says, "He for God only, she for God in him." "Behold the hand-maid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word," is the key-note of her psalm of life, alike as mother of our Lord and of mankind; nor from its refrain of mingled joy and woe has she ever turned her ear, but at the cradle and the bier, at the cross and at the sepulchre, at the beginning and at the ending of his mission, she is ever present with her broken, sacrificial alabaster box of precious ointment, alike for adornment at the feast and embalming at the burial.

If of woman's work for woman we report, more can be said at present than at any former period; for it would seem that her jealousy of other fitness for true service than that which abides with virtue, has steeled her heart against the frailty of her sex, and made her hard upon the erring hitherto; but her recently organized work in the slums of our cities, in the homes of China, in the zenanas of India, and even in the harems of the Turk, bear encouraging witness to her present devotion to the welfare of her sisters, and her faith in a Savior who "is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him." The wonder is that so many years have elapsed before the discovery of the fact that these fields are a province peculiar to woman, not for her abasement only, but also for her exaltation, not less in the rescuer than in the rescued.

Of woman's timely arrival on the field of modern missions, at the most critical point of the contest, our appreciation must ever be as of the coming of Blucher and his host onto the ensanguined field of Waterloo, when empire trembled in the balance; nay rather, seemed fully inclined to the French, but by that timely coming was turned to the allies, precipitating the overthrow of the great Napoleon and bringing the longed for peace of Europe. So the last quarter of the nineteenth century has witnessed the reinforcement of the cause of missions by the prevailing power of woman's aid. The great contest with the powers of darkness, long neglected, but at length well begun, was languishing; the mission-Boards were becoming overwhelmed with debt, and a last effort at the world's evangelization seemed verging toward paralysis, when woman's organized forces appeared presaging a more glorious victory than Waterloo, and for all who overcome, "the peace of God which passeth all understanding." Phil. 4:7.

It would be both iut resting and iustructive to trace the organization and growth of this force. Suffice it however to say that from the incipiency, forty years ago, its growth has been most marvelous, among all the denominations, alike in number of organizations, of missionaries sent out, and the amounts contributed for their support. We find it impossible to obtain exact statistics up to the present of the thousands of woman's missionary societies, represented in not less than one hundred and twenty distinct Boards, and contributing more than two and a half millions of dollars annually to the mission cause, but these figures, thus far reliable, are sufficient for encouragement and hope.

Although this great mission movement, by organized effort among women, commencing in A. D 1860, in this country, had a Baptist originator in the person of Mrs. Ellen B Mason, wife of Rev. Francis Mason, D. D., a Baptist missionary from Burmah, by which we are forcibly reminded of a meeting of twelve Baptist ministers at the humble cottage of the widow Wallis, at Kettering, about seventy years before; and of the origin of modern missions; and although similar appropriation and enlargement by other denominations followed, yet it was not till 1888 that such adjustment to

the work of our Southern Zion was attained, as to result in the organization of our Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. Of this Dr. T. P. Bell has pleased to say, "This union is one of the most wisely constructed pieces of denominational mechanism of which I know anything." The moulding of this element of Christian force, hitherto unaccustomed to automatic action among Baptists, its adaptation to previously existing denominational machinery, and its harmonious and successful working for now a dozen years, have not resulted from any haphazard aggregation of forces among us, but from patient reliance upon the leadership of Him whose office is to "guide into all truth," not only of doctrine but of method.

We must not trespass on so much space in our minutes as to give, in this report, even an outline of the constitution and method of work of the Woman's Missionary Union, but deem it quite important that acquaintance should be had with them. We therefore recommend the careful study of the three following pamphlets: First, The address of Dr. T P. Bell before the Missionary Society of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Second, and supplementary to this, a Tract by Miss Alice Armstrong, bringing the work down two years later. Third, the report of the Twelfth Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union. All to be had by addressing Mrs. D. M. Malone, Secretary, East Lake, Ala.

By consulting these and some other sources of information we find that considerably more than a thousand woman's missionary societies scattered throughout our churches, in fourteen states, Oklahoma and Indian Territories, reporting through this agency, and in return receiving its literature, have now in the twelve years of its existence, contributed to the three Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention ($616.238.69) six hundred sixteen thousand, two hundred thirty-eight dollars and sixty-nine cents. There have been sent from the mission rooms 101,678 letters and 1,876,826 pamphlets and leaflets.

The Woman's Missionary Union in Alabama consists of a Central Committee, of which Mrs. L. F. Stratton, of Birmingham, is President, Mrs D. M. Malone, of East Lake, Secretary; Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, of East Lake, Leader of the Young People's Mission Work, and Mrs. Florence Harris, of Montgomery, Leader of the Baby Branch. There are also committees and associational vice-presidents, the latter office for Montgomery association being held by Mrs. J. C. Cheney, of Montgomery. Through this agency, during the last conventional year, contributions were reported to the amount of $9,706.25 from societies in the associations, and $581.49 from the Sunbeam work. Total $10,287.74. Of this sum the amount reported from woman's societies in the Montgomery Association was $799.55. Our sisters have done thus far, and thus well for the Master, at home and abroad.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A F. Dix. Chairman.

Report on Young People's Union, read by H. W. Provence. Spoken to by H, W. Provence and Paul F. Dix, and adopted as follows:

B. Y. P. U. Report.

The young people are the hope of the church. In a few years our christian work will be in the hands of those who are now the boys and girls in our Sunday schools and young people's unions. If the young people are trained for the work before them, the future of the denomination will be full of usefulness; if they are allowed to grow up without training, we shall miss many of our best opportunities. The educational plans of the B. Y.

P. U. have been wrought out by long and earnest thought, and they are the best with which we are acquainted. This movement is full of promise. Our young people are taking hold of the denominational work as never before, and this activity is largely due to the B. Y. P. U. We commend the plans of the Union, and urge all our brethren to co-operate with the young people.

H. W. Provence, Chairman.

Adjourned with benediction by B. A. Jackson.

THURSDAY—Morning Session.

Devotional exercises conducted by H. W. Provence. Prayer by B. A. Jackson, W. D. Gay, J. F. Gable.

Report on finance committee read by A. J. Brooks and adopted as follows:

Report of Finance Committee.

Your committee to whom was referred the finances as reported by the church letters beg to submit the following as cash received by us:

	Cash.
State Missions	$ 20 90
Home Missions	7 00
Foreign Missions	13 37
Minutes and Associational	44 50
Orphanage	22 31
Ministerial Education	5 00
Mission Collection	5 66
	$118 74
Cash to balance	$118 74

Respectfully snbmitted,

A. J Brooks,
H. C. Burdeshaw,
J. W. Rast.
Committee.

On motion, clerk pro tem. was authorized to have the minutes printed, and apply balance of funds to his services.

Report on Religious Literature read by J. B. Shelton. Spoken to by J. B. Shelton, and adopted as follows:

Report on Denominational Literature.

Denominational literature is one of the most potent factors in our work. This is true in both a general and specific way:

1. The association which maintains a system of colportage work is more liberal to missions and in every way better equipped for all its work. It has often occurred that almost entire communities have been changed in their way of thinking by the dissemination of Baptist literature. The power of Baptist literature is very great, and its results for denominational good untold. The community that maintains a Baptist Sunday school will eventually be largely composed of Baptist men and women.

2. Much good will come to us individually if we study our denomina-

tional literature. It makes me glad that I am a Baptist when I read such books as the "Baptist Why and Why Not," and many others that the Sunday school Board at Nashville is publishing. This board has already done a great work, and we look with confidence to its work in the future. We commend its series of publications to our churches without reserve. They are sound in doctrine, neatly printed, attractive in appearance, and of many different kinds to suit the wants of the people, and cheap enough for the poorest. The Board includes the sale of Bibles, Testaments, books, tracts and Sunday school literature.

No Baptist can afford not to take the "Home Field," published at Atlanta, Ga., and the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va.

It is with peculiar pleasure that your committee calls attention to our own publication, the "Alabama Baptist," which comes every week as a big home letter to each member of our big Baptist family in the state. The Alabama Baptist has always been a great power for good in our work as a denomination in Alabama, and we are persuaded that it will continue to be honored of God as the main instrument in our state for disseminating doctrinal, practical and denominational literature. We most heartily recommend it for many reasons, but there are two, in particular, we wish to mention. 2. The liberality of its space. 2. The liberality of its highly cultured Christian editor.

There never was a time when more of the space was used for the general work of the denomination. Missionary reports, associational meetings, and recently two entire editions have been given to two of our leading colleges, besides many articles from time to time are devoted to the general work of the denomination.

In the second place, it is but natural to expect much of the paper to be devoted to our work, for the editor himself is one of the most liberal givers in the state. He is not only a regular contributor in a systematic way through his church, but there is never an appeal made that he is not among the first to respond.

The paper is doing a great work, and we earnestly pray for its future success. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BASS SHELTON.

G. G. Miles read a paper on The New Century Movement, the printing of which was requested in the Alabama Baptist by a motion seconded.

A. F. Dix read a paper on Denominational Growth during the century.

H. W. Provence spoke on our Denominational Missions during the last century.

J. F. Gable spoke on our Improved Equipment for missionary work.

On motion, the report on Temperance, as found in the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention, was requested to be inserted in the minutes of the association, as follows:

1. We reaffirm our truceless hostility to the liquor traffic in all its forms. We regard it as one of the most appalling evils that ever cursed mankind, as well as one of the greatest barriers to successful mission work in both our home and foreign fields.

2. That in the nullification of the law abolishing the army canteen, which law was passed by the last congress in response to an irresistible demand of the American people, a great wrong was perpetrated against Christianity,

good morals and civilization.

3. The establishment of the American saloon, in addition to the army canteen, in our new possessions, is a direful blot on our civilization and on our profession that ours is a Christian nation. President Schurman, of the Philippine Commission, himself acknowledges this fact in these words: "It was unfortunate that we introduced and establisded the saloon in Manila to corrupt the natives and to establish the vice of our race." He further adds: "I have never seen a Filipino drunkard."

4. These recent developments in the extension of the liquor traffic should impress our hearts anew with our grave responsibilities as Christian citizens. Surely the time has arrived when it has become the duty of every minister of the gospel and all Christians to take an open stand against this great obstacle to the spread of the Redeemer's kingdom and to align himself with every agency in Church and State which has for its object the annihilation of this traffic.

5. While we cannot approve any feature of the license system, we enter our emphatic protest against the issuance by the national government of its licenses in states or localities that are covered by prohibitory laws.

6. In brief, we favor prohibition for the nation and the State, and total abstinence for the individual, and we believe that no Christian citizen should ever cast a ballot for any man, measure, or platform, that is opposed to the annihilation of the liquor traffic.

The following two resolutions were offered by J. F. Gable, and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the pastor and members of Prattville Baptist church, the members of the Presbyterian church for the use of their house, and the other good citizens of Prattville of all religious creeds for their bountiful hospitality and kindness during the meeting of this Association.

Whereas, during the year which has passed since last our association met in session it has pleased God to call home from earthly labor to join "the spirits of just men made perfect" our brother, Dr. C. W. Buck, well known among us for his genial disposition and warm hearted activities in all good works, as well as his pulpit ministry in the cause of Christ.

Resolved, That Montgomery Association sorrowfully bows in submission to the Father of our spirits in the deprivation of his helpful presence, and extends its sympathy to the church which loses a faithful member as well as to the family which has lost a loving father and head.

Resolved, second, That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and that the clerk be requested to send copies to any members of the family who may be known to us.

A cash collection for Beulah church (Central Association), of $8.25 was taken

The report on apportionment was read by J. G. Mills, and recommitted with request that the amount for missions be increased 50 per cent.

On motion, report on apportionment was adopted as follows:

Report on Apportionment.

Your committee on apportionment submit the following:

Churches.	Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Bible Fund.	Institute Work.	Orphanage.
Adam Street	$ 400 00	$ 30 00	$ 10 00	$ 25 00	$ 30 00
Bethany	7 00	5 00	2 50	3 00	5 00
Bethel (Ft. Deposit	70 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	10 00
Bethesda	21 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	8 00
Clayton Street	400 00	30 00	10 00	20 00	45 00
Coosada	14 00	2 50	2 50	1 50	3 50
Deatsville	28 00	5 00	2 50	2 00	8 00
First, Montgomery	800 00	100 00	25 00	30 00	150 00
Hayneville	20 00	5 00	2 50	2 00	8 00
Letohatchee	20 00	2 50	2 00	1 00	4 50
Lowndesboro	70 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	15 00
Mt. Hebron	25 00	2 50	2 50	1 00	4 00
Mt. Lebanon	15 00	2 50	2 50	1 00	4 50
Mt. Zion	56 00	5 00	2 50	1 00	9 00
Pine Level	56 00	5 00	2 50	1 00	9 00
Prattville	150 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	20 00
Ramer	35 00	5 00	2 50	1 00	6 50
South Montgomery	25 00	2 50	2 50	1 00	4 00
Wetumpka	115 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	30 00
West End, Montgomery	7 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	3 00
Brewer Memorial	15 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	10 00
Total	$1,989 00	$ 249 50	$ 98 00	$ 162 00	$ 457 00

Respectfully submitted,

T. J Porter,
J. G. Mills,
R. M. Anderson,

Report on Orphan's Home

Your committee appointed for the purpose of making report on the Orphanage at Evergreen, beg to submit the following:

Since our last associational meeting the family of children at the Orphanage has grown larger for the average time than ever before. The enrollment since the Home was established up to the 16th of August, 1900, was 136 from 30 counties.

Of these, 2 boys and 4 girls have died, 2 boys have been apprenticed, 2 boys and 1 girl have been irregularly discharged, 13 boys and 18 girls have been returned to their people, and 15 boys and 14 girls have been adopted; making in all 34 boys and 37 girls that have gone out from the Home, leaving 29 boys and 36 girls in the family. Thus we see that 136 children have been receiveb and 71 gone out, leaving still in the Home on the 16th of August last 65 children. The current expenses had been very well provided for this year, so that the Home owes but a small debt.

It requires about ten dollars a day to furnish this large family with only a moderate and reasonable support, and as they have no income they are dependent on the offerings of friends and sympathizers of and with the

work, and what little crops Brother Stewart and the little boys are able to grow and raise. The paramount need of the Home just now is a sick ward, so that the sick children can be separated from those who are not sick, and especially is this true in case of death in the present crowded conditions. Last November found the Home in the throes of an epidemic of malarial fever, with every room in the building already occupied, while the disease spread broader and more severe every day It was impossible to separate the sick from the well so they could have quiet and rest. In the meantime two of the children died, which added greatly to the distress and embarrassment of the Home.

In August bilious fever made its appearance in the Home, and at one time 13 boys were stricken down with it and some were delirious. At one time during the year the Home also went through an epidemic of sore eyes, and there was no way to isolate the afflicted from the well so as to prevent the spread of the contagion. In case of sickness, and especially epidemics, it is of the utmost importance to prevent one patient from knowing the condition of another and in some instances it may be a sister or a brother, but it is impossible for the management to do this under present conditions. The Savior of mankind taught that true religion consists of caring for the orphans and the widow, the sick and afflicted, and we earnestly appeal to all sympathizing friends and Christians who love Him and the teachings of Him whose precious blood made sacred the soil of Mt. Calvary, to aid in this laudable effort to alleviate the suffering of these little ones who have been left motherless, fatherless, homeless.

V H. Bell, Chairman.

On motion, Association requested H W. Provence to correct an error as per morning paper in regard to the Baptist ministry of Alabama.

After indulging in brief expressions of appreciation and gratitude the association adjourned with singing "God be with you till we meet again," and prayer by J. B. Shelton.

C. Johnson, Clerk pro tem.

G. G. Miles, Moderator.

REPORT SECOND ANNUAL MEETING WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Auxiliary to Montgomery Baptist Association.

Morning Session.

The second annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Montgomery Baptist Association, was held in the Presbyterian church at Prattville, on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 1900.

Mrs. L. F. Stratton, President of Central Committee, Birmingham, convened the session at 10 o'clock, and the devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. A. F Dix, Montgomery.

Mrs T. W. Hannon was elected secretary.

The association extended to the Union an invitation to hear address by Rev. W. B. Crumpton on State Missions; and meeting adjourned for this purpose.

Meeting re-convened with words of welcome spoken by Mrs. S. A. Smith, Prattville, and responded to by Mrs. J. C. Cheney, Montgomery.

Mrs Stratton extended Christian greeting to the large representation of ladies.

Enrollment of delegates followed:

Adams Street—Mrs. Powell,

Clayton Street—Mrs. H. W. Provence.

Brewer Memorial Church, Cecil—Mrs. A. J Brooks.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee would recommend that the next meeting of the Montgomery Association be held with the Ft Deposit Baptist Church, on Wednesday after the 4th Sunday in August (28-29-30) 1901, and that Rev. A. J. Preston be appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and Dr. C. A. Stakely to preach the Missionary sermon.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—Rev. T. J. Porter; Alternate, Maj J. G. Harris.

Delegates to the State Convention—G. G. Miles, C. Johnson, Cabot Lull, J. I. Lamar, R. Meadows, B. A Jackson, A. J. Brooks, J. B. Shelton, E E. Gresham.

W. J. Elliott,
E. E. Gresham,
M. A. Pyron,
Committee.

Deatsville—Miss A. J. Pyron.

First Montgomery—Mrs. J. C, Cheney, Mrs. F. I. Harris, Mrs. A. F. Dix, Mrs. T. W. Hannon.

Mt. Hebron—Mrs. Geo. Harrison,

Prattville—Mrs. S. A. Smith, Mrs. McQ Smith, Miss Mary Ward.

South Montgomery—Miss A. Spear, Miss J. Spear.

Monied contributions for the year, reported from Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies:

Adams Street L. A. and M. S	$207 00
Clayton Street W. M. S	103 04
Deatsville L. A. S	49 99
First Montgomery W. M. S	216 12
Prattville L. A. S	133 78
Prattville L. M. S	127 42
South Montgomery L. M. S	23 38
Wetumpka L. A. S	98 86
Total	$959 39

Several frontier boxes of clothing were reported in values from $50.00 to $200.00.

Mrs. Stratton emphasized the importance of including reports of societies in replies to letters received from Central Committee.

Babies Branch was presented by Mrs. F. I. Harris, its object being to impress upon mothers the importance of training children from infancy in giving to missions.

Cheering, grateful words of appreciation and encouragement come from all parts of the State, and over five hundred receptacles and leaflets for the work have been distributed.

Mrs. Dix discussed Personal Obligation of Woman—her service, duty, her ability, love to Christ, her opportunity—the present.

After singing "Work, for the Night is Coming," the Union was adjourned until 2:30 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

Meeting was called to order at 2:30 o'clock by Mrs. Stratton.

Reports on Frontier Boxes were made by Mrs. Hannon and Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Stratton added the statement of Miss Armstrong, W. M. U., Baltimore, of the urgent needs of the Frontier Missionary and his family, and the suggestion that the boxes contain something to cheer and comfort as well as supply and furnish.

Mrs T. A. Hamilton, of Birmingham, presented Sunbeam Work—its methods and objects in training children in early childhood to be practical Baptists and systematic givers. Helpful reports came through Mrs. Smith and Miss Spear.

Rev. A. G. Mosely presented an appeal that the women of Alabama would assist in the erection of a Baptist church in New Orleans, $1,200 being hoped for from the denomination in this State. A private contribution was given and the promise from delegates to plead his cause before the societies they represented.

Mrs. Hamilton discussed Woman's Work in the Past Century as evidenced in that great assemblage—the Ecumenical Conference—the great meeting itself an impossibility without the work that lies behind it, the unprecedented attendance, the heavenly atmosphere, the thrilling words and inspiring songs, the binding and forging of bonds in Christian fellowship. The work began in America when Ann Hasseltine Judson departed for India, and though numbers of glorious additions have been made as the years have gone, the best material is still required to cope with the logical heathen mind. The foreign work is largely accomplished through the ministrations

of women missionaries in heathen homes; the work in our country through the Woman's Missionary Unions and State Central Committees, planned and equipped for stimulating effort, increasing gifts and distributing information among the women and children in the churches.

Mrs. Stratton discussed Movement for the New Century. Shall it be retrogression or digression? Paralysis has resulted from the Chinese trouble, though no great movement in the world's history has been accomplished without war No fears are entertained for the final outcome, for God's kingdom will be advanced, though the deaths of His martyrs and lives of His missionaries are precious in His sight. He orders events; He rules the universe. Let activities be increased, sympathies enthused, and energies stimulated in the glorious opportunities and great responsibilities that open with the century. The new lines of work are the Annuity Fund, the S. S. Board paying interest on same during life time of giver, and at death willed where money will accomplish greatest good; and Church Building Loan Fund—women workers lending money to aid in erecting houses of worship in destitute sections.

Miss A. W. Armstrong's leaflet was read—Women as Helpers in God's Kingdom—giving a retrospective and introspective survey of woman in the great cause of missions.

Mrs. J. C. Cheney, our Associational Vice-President, tendered her resignation, her successor to be appointed by the Central Committee.

A unanimous vote of thanks was extended the ladies of Prattville for cordial hospitality and the Presbyterian friends for the use of their church.

Meeting then adjourned and benediction pronounced by Mrs. Stratton.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

(The following amounts were received from the Finance Committee at session of Association 1899.)

J. C. Pope, Treasurer, in account with
Montgomery Baptist Association.

1899. DR.

Aug. 17.	To cash, missions	$41 11	
	" Association purposes—Bethany church	5 25	
	" " " collected at Association	1 25	
	" Minutes	28 00	—75 61

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Aug. 19	By Missions	41 11	
	" Minutes	28 00	
	" Associational purposes	6 50	—75 61

ASSOCIATIONAL PURPOSES.

DR.

To balance on hand last report	5 96	
Collected at Association, 1899	6 50	—12 46

CR.

By sup. Minute fund	5 00	
" wrappers, postal cards, postage, etc	1 25	— 6 25
Balance on hand		$ 6 21

J. C. Pope, Treasurer.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF MONTGOMERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, FOR YEAR 1903.

CHURCHES.	MISSIONS.						EDUCATION.					HOME EXPENSES.					
	State	Home.	Foreign.	Missions not Designated.	Associational.	Bible and Colportage.	Ministerial.	College Build'gs	Institute Board.	Orphan's Home.	Minutes.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs and New Buildings.	Poor, Fuel, Sunday Schools, Etc.	Total.	Value of Property.	Denominat'nl Debt.
Adams Street	$ 65 00	$ 25 00	$354 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 19 40	$ 2 00	$1118 99	$ 349 20	$1071 17	$ 3005 56	$100 0 00	.....
Bethany	8 62	1 17	5 10	.....	$ 9 00	$ 3 17	$ 2 50	.....	.....	9 07	1 00	140 00	.....	.....	179 63	700 00	.....
Bethel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$25 00	..	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	6000 00	.....
Bethesda	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brewer Memorial	9 40	4 18	5 00	.....	.....	7 59	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	32 25	750 00	9 45	817 87	.....	.....
Clayton Street	95 00	15 00	100 00	$195 69	.....	.....	25 00	.....	50 00	58 00	3 00	937 80	448 12	111 79	2039 40	6000 00	.....
Coosada	11 08	3 91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	15 91	1000 00	.....
Deatsville	3 60	.....	2 44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 50	2 00	125 00	23 60	6 92	168 06	800 00	.....
First Montgomery	219 37	250 00	250 00	95 47	.....	.....	.....	$254 00	.....	64 26	5 00	2500 00	610 00	400 61	6078 10	35000 00	$ 1400 00
Hayneville	14 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 00	1 00	150 00	.....	6 00	212 00	1200 00	.....
Letohatchee	.....	.....	.....	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	.....	20 57	186 57	1250 00	.....
Lowndesboro	25 17	19 31	29 31	8 00	.....	1 51	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	250 00	320 00	41 15	696 95	2000 00	.....
Mt. Hebron	6 00	7 00	7 00	125 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 86	1 50	100 00	40 00	.....	291 36	800 00	.....
Mt. Lebanon	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	3 00	800 00	.....
Mt. Zion	.....	30 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 25	2 50	250 00	.....	.....	296 50	1000 00	.....
Pine Level	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1000 00	.....
Prattville	14 81	25 70	12 00	144 98	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 00	2 00	425 00	.....	.....	645 49	4000 00	.....
Ramer	10 13	8 50	6 37	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	5 00	2 00	74 75	63 00	6 00	185 75	800 00	.....
South Montg mery	33 59	16 50	8 16	58 37	.....	7 83	.....	.....	.....	28 00	1 50	460 77	36 50	471 28	1122 50	2000 00	.....
West Montgomery	10 45	.....	17 60	.....	2 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	218 00	.....	33 10	275 20	1500 00	.....
Wetumpka	5 00	.....	12 93	23 21	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	17 56	2 00	400 00	18 32	50 43	529 45	5000 00	.....
Totals	$534 63	$412 02	$807 70	$666 72	$11 05	$20 10	$32 50	$254 00	$80 00	$275 90	$35 50	$7332 56	$2398 74	$2228 47	$15747 35	$79350 00	$ 1400 00

STATISTICS OF MONTGOMERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1900.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE.	Membership last reported.	Increase by				Decr'se by				Present membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.		SUPERINTENDENT'S NAME AND POSTOFFICE.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports prayer meeting.	Reports Revival.
					Baptism.	Letter.	Voucher.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.		Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.				
Adams Street	Montgomery	W. D. Gay	J. C. Pope, Montgomery	524	51	61	..	2	34	3	..	14	587	22	298	Willis L. Chandler, Montgomery	All	w'kly	Yes
Bethany	Elmore	J. M. Johnson	J. S. Turner, Ware	80	6	2	..	.	7	..	..	..	81	*5	20	W. P. Dawson, Ware	3rd	.....	Yes
Bethel	Lowndes	T. J. Porter	No letter	378	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	378	....	..		All	w'kly	....
Bethesda	Montgomery	E. F. Baber	J. T. Boyd. Ada	31	5	1	..	..	6	..	..	1	30	....	....		4th	.....	Yes
Brewer Memorial	Montgomery	E. F. Baber	W. M. Carter, Mathews	....	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	6	40	A. J. Brooks, Cecil	2nd	.....	No
Clayton Street	Montgomery	H. W. Persons	L. S. Jones, Montgomery	236	11	8	1	..	15	33	..	2	206	20	163	Frank Allen, Montgomery	All	w'kly	....
Coosada	Elmore	John B. Shelton	D. J. Moon, Millbrook	37	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	38	...	...	R. H. Hudson, Millbrook	2nd	.....	....
Deatsville	Elmore	S. M. Adams	J. I. Lamar, Deatsville	57	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	59	9	40	J. I. Lamar, Deatsville	3rd	.....	...
First Montgomery	Montgomery	C. A. Stakely	Maxie Pepperman, Montgomery	628	9	61	..	..	44	..	..	5	649	38	329	Mike Cody, Jr., Montgomery	All	w'kly	....
Hayneville	Lowndes	J. A. Howard	J. F. Varner, Hayneville	62	....	....	..	..	2	..	1	2	57	5	25	H. C. Burdeshaw, Hayneville	4th	.....	....
Letohatchie	Lowndes	I. N. Langston	C. H. Powell, Letohatchie	23	2	7	..	..	3	..	..	..	29	5	45	J. W. Dickson, Letohatchie	2nd	.....	....
Lowndesboro	Lowndes	W. J. Elliott	Frank Gordon, Lowndesboro	34	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	37	7	30	P. N. Culley, Lowndesboro	1st	....	Yes
Mt. Hebron	Elmore	John B. Shelton	John Hogan, Spigeners	86	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	83	7	30	W. H. Kendrick, Elmore	4th	.....	Yes
Mt. Lebanon	Montgomery	A. F. Dix	W. F. Niblett, Gibson	33	14	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	38	....	....		3rd	.....	....
Mt. Zion	Montgomery	N. C. Underwood	J. G. Mills, Chambers	27	5	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	31	....	....		4th	.....	....
Pine Level	Montgomery	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
Prattville	Autauga	A. J. Preston	R. M. Anderson, Prattville	193	1	10	..	1	24	6	1	3	171	17	197	R. M. Anderson, Prattville	3rd	w'kly	....
Ramer	Montgomery	B. A. Jackson	A. J. Rushton, Ramer	59	11	5	..	..	2	..	..	..	73	5	75	B. A. Jackson, Ramer	2nd	w'kly	....
South Montgomery	Montgomery	J. F. Gable	J. F. Doster, Montgomery	116	14	23	..	1	17	6	..	1	130	10	77	J. B. Collier, Montgomery	All	w'kly	....
West Montgomery	Montgomery	A. C. Swindall	J. E. Lloyd, Montgomery	52	13	14	..	..	6	2	..	2	69	8	75	H. C. Smith, Montgomery	1&3	w'kly	....
Wetumpka	Elmore	W. J. Elliott	R. L. Ward, Wetumpka	102	2	8	..	..	2	..	..	..	110	9	65	W. E. Lacy. Wetumpka	2&4	w'kly	....
Total				758	144	213	1	5	169	47	2	34	2876	173	1509		....	.....	....

*Taken from last year's minutes.